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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. WRIGHT CODEL: COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" NOV. 15 PUBLISHED INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLE WITH HEADLINE, "AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN INTERFERE IN SPANISH AFFAIRS." ARTICLE, DATED MADRID, ALLEGED THAT WRIGHT SAID "THAT HIS COUNTRY WOULD OPPOSE ENTRY OF COMMUNISTS INTO SPANISH GOVERNMENT...(WHICH ALLEGED REMARK) CAUSED SURPRISE AND INDIGNATION AMONG PROGRESSIVE FORCES FOR THE CLEAR INTERFERENCE IN SPANISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHICH THIS (STATEMENT) REPRESENTED." THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PRESS PLAY OTHERWISE SO FAR ON CODEL'S TRAVELS.

2. ALLEGED U.S.-NATO PLOT AGAINST ANGOLA: PRESS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO TASS'S ALLEGATION THAT U.S. AND NATO WERE PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND HAD SET UP A PLAN IN JULY 1976 MEETING IN ZURICH BETWEEN KISSINGER, HAIG AND VORSTER. "O DIARIO" NOV. 15 FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINE WAS, "U.S., NATO, SOUTH AFRICA: UNCLASSIFIED

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"PLOT" AGAINST ANGOLA DISCOVERED." RIGHTIST "O DIA" NOV. 15 FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE WAS, "SOVIET NEWS AGENCY SAYS: U.S. AND NATO PLANNED TO OVERTHROW ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT; 'RIDICULOUS STATEMENT:' COMMENTED GENERAL HAIG'S SPOKESMAN. "PRO-SOCIALIST "A LUTA" NOV. 14, AMONG OTHER PAPERS, REPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S WEEKEND STATEMENT THAT GROWING CUBAN PRESENCE IN

AFRICA WAS THREAT TO THAT CONTINENT AND MADE  
NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. IMF-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS: NEWSPLAY ON SUSPENSION  
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENT ASSISTANCE  
CONTINUED. "A LUTA" NOV. 14 GAVE FRONT-PAGE PLAY  
TO HEADLINE, "NEGOTIATIONS WITH IMF WERE AFFECTED  
BY BAD RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION."  
ARTICLE SAID, "WE LEARNED FROM AN INFORMED SOURCE  
THAT THE RETURN OF THE IMF MISSION (TO WASHINGTON)  
WAS DECIDED WHEN THE POSSIBILITY LESSENERED IN THE SHORT  
TERM FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, FOLLOWING  
A STEP BACKWARD BY THE PSD FROM THE POSITIONS IT HAD BEEN  
TAKING..." ARTICLE SAID THAT SINCE PORTUGAL NEEDED TO CUT IMPORTS  
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ACHIEVE THIS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH AT THE SAME TIME  
PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. "A LUTA" SAID, "IT IS  
CERTAIN THAT (BALANCE OF PAYMENTS) CONDITIONS ARE  
DETERIORATING AND PORTUGAL IS REACHING THE END OF THE  
LINE." COMMUNIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" NOV. 14 ANALYSIS  
ON SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH IMF SAW IN  
INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION OF PORTUGAL, OR IN  
POLICIES OF "INTERESTED PARTIES", THE DESIRE "TO  
PLACE THE GOP BEFORE THE NEED TO EITHER ABANDON ITS  
EFFORTS FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF OR ELSE TO  
GIVE IN TO THE RIGHT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLITICAL  
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STABILITY."

4. U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS: CARLOS FINO WRITES FOR  
PRO-COMMUNIST "DIARIO POPULAR" FROM MOSCOW THAT  
"SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS RAPIDLY ARE REACHING A  
NEW LEVEL OF EQUILIBRIUM.... WITH THE PRESENT  
EVOLUTION OF WASHINGTON'S POLICIES REGARDING THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND OF SOVIET POLICIES REGARDING  
DISARMAMENT (ESPECIALLY IN BREZHNEV'S NEW  
PROPOSALS FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS PRODUCTION  
AND NUCLEAR TESTS, EVEN TESTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES)  
THERE ARISES THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW EQUILIBRIUM  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS CANNOT FAIL TO HAVE  
TREMENDOUSLY POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES IN ALL  
INTERNATIONAL LIFE."  
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